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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice,
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW,
Washington, DC 20530.

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am in awe every time I think of how our society has been transformed by computers. Truly, the world is a completely different place than it was from even ten years ago because of computers. This great innovation has been led by a great American company, Microsoft. Thanks to them, computers have become an accessible technology for many millions of people. The efforts and innovation of Microsoft should be applauded rather than punished.

The antitrust lawsuit has plagued the technology industry and disturbed further innovation in technology. Like many computer users, I believe that the motivation for the lawsuit has been greed and jealousy on the part of Microsoft's competitors and the government. The proposed settlement is fair, it penalizes Microsoft for the times that they have crossed the line, and it will provide more competition in the long run.

That is why I would like to see an end to the lawsuit as soon as possible. The economy cannot afford to have one of its biggest players not participating at full strength. As soon as the suit is finally settled, the technology industry can return to normal and life can move on. Please accept the settlement and let us move on to more important issues facing our great country.

Sincerely,



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